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### 1. INDOCHINA

EXTENSIVE COVERAGE, MUCH FRONT-PAGED, ACCORDED TESTIMONY TO HOUSE INTELLIGENCE CMTE THURSDAY BY FORMER CIA ANALYST SAMUEL ADAMS THAT US INTELLIGENCE DELIBERATELY DOWN-GRADED SIZE OF VC FORCES IN SVN PRIOR TO 1968 TET OFFENSIVE, IN EFFORT FOOL US PRESS, PEOPLE, CONGRESS (AP PHINQ, GLOBE; REUTER, CHITRIB; WSJ; NYT'S CREWDSON; WP'S LARDNER; SUN'S PEPPER; NYDN'S RIPER). ADAMS GAVE CMTE PURPORTED CABLES OF BUNKER, WHEELER, IN WHICH URGED ESTIMATES OF VC STRENGTH BE HELD TO 300,000 TO INDICATE UNCLASSIFIED

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US SUCCESS IN WAR; WESTMORELAND, ABRAMS, HELMS, WHEELER, WALT ROSTOW AMONG OTHERS ACCUSED BY ADAMS.

ACCORDING COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER AVAILABLE IN HK, SVNAF

PILOT WHO UNEXPECTEDLY BOMBED SAIGON PRESIDENTIAL PALACE  
LAST APRIL WAS SON OF VC OFFICIAL AND HAD BEEN SECRET  
COMMUNIST AGENT FOR YEARS (BUTTERFIELD, NYT).

## 2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

NYT'S BINDER CITES JULIA TAFT NEWS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT  
THURSDAY THAT RESETTLEMENT VIET/CAMBODIA REFUGEES  
PASSED 100,000 THIS WEEK; 34,992 STILL AT THREE US  
CAMPS; ESTIMATES 5,000 MORE REFUGEES IN LAOS,  
THAILAND ELIGIBLE FOR RESETTLEMENT HERE AND WILL BE  
BROUGHT INTO PROGRAM IN NEXT THREE MONTHS; SHE EXPECTS  
RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM CONCLUSION BY MID-DEC; OF  
100,000 ALREADY RESETTLED, 94,000 FOUND HOMES IN US,  
6,000 HAVE GONE TO OTHER COUNTRIES, PRINCIPALLY  
CANADA, FRANCE.

RC MAN, JEWISH WOMAN, TESTIFIED THURSDAY IN LOS ANGELES  
THAT ADOPTION AGENCY REFUSED LET THEM ADOPT CAMBODIAN  
CHILDREN IN "OPERATION BABYLIFT" BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT  
EVANGELICAL PROTESTANTS (AP, NYT).

INTERNATIONAL PHONE SERVICE TO/FROM VIENTIANE RESTORED  
9/18 AFTER 10-DAY SHUTDOWN IMPOSED BY PL GOVT; TWO  
OF CAPITAL'S SIX BANKS ALSO OPENED AFTER AUTHORITIES  
FINISHED AUDITING ACCOUNTS OF "31 REACTIONARY TRAITORS  
WHO FLED" COUNTRY (AP, SUN).

## 3. THAILAND/PRC

NYT'S ANDELMAN, IN BANGKOK, REPORTS SERIOUS PRODUCTION  
PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IN CONNECTION WITH CRUDE  
OIL FROM PRC, AND RTG HAS SUSPENDED ALL BARTER DEALS  
INVOLVING CHINESE OIL. OIL-INDUSTRY TECHNICIANS HAVE  
DISCOVERED IT HAS VERY HIGH WAX CONTENT THAT MAKES  
PROCESSING ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE IN REFINERIES NOT SPECIFICALLY  
EQUIPPED HANDLE IT. FURTHER DIFFICULTIES WITH PRC  
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OIL DISCOVERED BY THAIS: HAS RELATIVELY LOW "FLASHPOINT"  
APPROACHING 130-DEGREE TEMPERATURE, SO THAT HEATING IT  
TO TEMPERATURE AT WHICH WILL FLOW EASILY RAISES  
SUBSTANTIALLY RISK OF FIRE OR EXPLOSION.

## 4. CHINA

BALT NA'S WATCHMAN REPORTS GOOD BUSINESS FOR PORT OF  
BALTIMORE: PRC NEEDS VAST QUANTITIES FOOD, GROWING  
IT REQUIRES LOT OF FERTILIZER, SO PEKING BUYING ENTIRE  
PLANTS FROM US TO BOOST OWN CHEMICAL FERTILIZER  
PRODUCTION, CUT DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS FROM JAPAN.  
OF EIGHT AMMONIA PLANTS PRC PURCHASED FROM HOUSTON

FIRM, AT LEAST FIVE MOVING THROUGH BALTIMORE FOR HEINKANG, SHANGHAI. REPORTS MOST OF SHIPS' CREWS INCLUDE SOME PRC OFFICERS, SINCE CHINESE ATTEMPTING BUILD UP THEIR OWN MERCHANT MARINE QUICKLY AND NEED EXPERIENCED OFFICERS (9/18).

PRC ANNOUNCES PAPUA NEW GUINEA INDEPENDENCE; SAYS IT WAS WON THANKS TO "PEOPLE'S COURAGEOUS AND PROTRACTED STRUGGLE"; BUT WARNS NEW STATE AGAINST "EXPANSIONIST MANEUVERS" OF "SOVIET IMPERIALISM" (AFP, WP).

LESOTHO DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER ARRIVES TAIPEI FOR EIGHT-DAY VISIT (AFP, WP).

##### 5. JAPAN

GEORGE PACKARD, FORMER EXEC EDITOR PHILA BULLETIN, ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY WILL RUN AGAINST SEN HUGH SCOTT IN MAY GOP PRIMARY; SAID WORKED FOR CIA IN FIFTIES, WAS SENT JAPAN AS "ECONOMIC ANALYST", MAINLY TO INTERVIEW PERSONS RETURNING FROM CHINA (WOOTEN, NYT 9/18).

MIKI REJECTED OPPOSITION DEMAND THURSDAY TO DISSOLVE DIET, CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION (REUTER, TOKYO).

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JOC (WASHINGTON) SAYS PAA EFFORT CUT TRANS-PACIFIC FARES, RAISE TRAVEL AGENT COMMISSIONS, COMPLICATES US-JAPAN CIVAIR RELATIONS; MAY BE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY END OF MONTH WHEN EMPEROR HIROHITO SCHEDULED MAKE STATE VISIT. SUN'S TAKAYAMA IN TOKYO SAYS GOJ THREATENS BLOCK PAA SERVICE TO JAPAN BECAUSE CARRIER PUBLISHED W COAST-JAPAN FARE CUT FROM 1,004 DOLS TO 570 DOLS FOR THOSE WHO STAY IN JAPAN MORE THAN MONTH, LESS THAN 3 MOS WITHOUT MOT APPROVAL REQUIRED BY BILATERAL CIVAIR AGREEMENT.

ALENA WELLS (JOC) NOTES BANK OF JAPAN LIFTED INTERVENTION POINT AGAINST DOLLAR TO 300.99 YEN. CITES TRADERS WHO SAY BOJ SPENT 1.2 BILLION DOLS TO SUPPORT YEN OVER PAST SIX WEEKS. WSJ SAYS DOLLAR CONTINUES STRONG IN TOKYO, WHERE BOJ DECISION ALLOW YEN FLOAT LOWER CAUGHT FOREX TRADERS BY SURPRISE.

INTL IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE IN BRUSSELS SAID THURSDAY FREE-WORLD STEEL OUTPUT CONTINUES SKID DOWN IN AUG COMPARED SAME MONTH 1974. MONTHLY OUTPUT JAPAN DOWN 12.4 PERCENT (UPI, JOC).

CANON SAYS WILL BOOST DESK-TOP CALCULATOR OUTPUT

60 PERCENT IN OCT, TO 400,000 UNITS/MO. CASIA COMPUTER SAID EARLIER WOULD UP OUTPUT TO MILLION UNITS/MO IN OCT (WSJ, TOKYO).

BUICK GM GEORGE ELGES CONFIRMED REPORTS FIRM WILL IMPORT CHEVETTE-STYLE MINICAR FROM ISUZU FOR SALE APR 1, WILL STOP IMPORTING GERMAN-MADE OPEL. PLANS CALL ISUZU-BUILT MINICAR "OPEL;" TO PRESERVE BUICK IDENTIFICATION WITH NAME (WSJ, FLINT).

REUTER'S NEALE IN OKINAWA (CSM) SAYS ISLANDS TRANSFORMED FROM "SLEEPY AMERICAN MILITARY COLONY" INTO "BUSTLING JAPANESE PROVINCE" IN THREE YRS SINCE REVERSION, BUT NOT WITHOUT WOES OF INFLATION. NOTES OKINAWANS APPREHENSIVE WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN AFTER CLOSING OCEAN EXPO 75, WHICH BROUGHT IN 1.2 BILLION DOLS.

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ASAHI WEDNESDAY QUOTED "INFORMED GOVT SOURCES" THAT FIVE JAPANESE RED ARMY GUERRILLAS STOLE ABOUT 30 PASSPORTS FROM AMEMBASSY KL LAST MONTH; INCLUDED MORE THAN 10 BLANK US PASSPORTS, ABOUT 20 US, OTHER PASSPORTS SUBMITTED FOR VISAS. EMBOSSING STAMP TO AFFIX PASSPORT PHOTOS ALSO BELIEVED STOLEN. FEARED THAT JRA TERRORISTS MIGHT USE TO ENTER US FOR OPERATION AGAINST VISIT BY EMPEROR (AFP, LAT 9/18).

6. UN

NYT'S HOFMANN, AT UN, REPORTS SPECIAL SESSION REFLECTED THIRD WORLD GROWING AWARENESS IT NEEDS ADVANCED NATIONS -- ESPECIALLY US -- AND WILL NEED THEM FOR QUITE SOME TIME. QUOTES MEDIUM-SIZED ASIA COUNTRY REP SAYING SENTIMENT AMONG MANY THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES BECOMING MORE SOBER, LESS EMOTIONALLY HOSTILE, AND THIS REASON EXTREMISTS DEFEATED IN CAUCUSES AND THIRD WORLD STARTED TALKING BUSINESS WITH US. US SEEN ALSO REVISING ITS ESTIMATE OF THIRD WORLD, WITH PARALLEL REASSESSMENTS CARRIED OUT BY BUSINESS/ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES HERE, ELSEWHERE IN WEST AND JAPAN. DIPLOMATS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PRIVATELY QUITE OUTSPOKEN IN DENOUNCING SOVIET BLOC, PRC FAILURE COME FORWARD WITH PRACTICAL PROPOSALS ON LESSENING WORLD RICH/POOR GAP. COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. INDOCHINA

WSTAR'S BRADSHAW (9/18) FINDS INDOCHINA BECOMING NEW COCKPIT OF SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE, WITH AREA'S OWN INTERNAL TENSIONS, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN VN AND CAMBODIA, REASSERTING THEMSELVES SINCE US THROWN OUT.

NOYES (WSTAR 9/18) SEES EVERY ASIAN COUNTRY, INCLUDING JAPAN, PRC, SOVIET, RADICALLY REVISING ITS POLICIES AS

RESULT US INDOCHINA PERFORMANCE. SAYS REASONABLE PREDICTION OUR DEFEAT, IN AREA WHERE WE ARE TOLD NO REAL US INTERESTS INVOLVED, WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES AT LEAST AS SERIOUS AS THOSE OF ANY WAR WE HAVE EVER  
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FOUGHT.

#### 8. CHINA

CSM'S HARSCH NOTES PRC PREPARING FOR FORD VISIT AND BUSINESS ATTENDANT TO IT BY SLOWING WAY DOWN ON PURCHASES US GOODS--REMINDER THAT US HAS NOT YET ACCORDED PEKING FULL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OR MFN TRADE TREATMENT; MAY ALSO BE CHINESE WAY CALLING ATTENTION TO FACT FORD HAS SPENT MUCH TIME ON BEING FRIENDLY WITH SOVIET, AS YET LITTLE ON RELATIONS WITH PEKING.

#### 9. JAPAN

JAMESON (LAT 9/18) QUOTES KEIDANREN DEFENSE PRODUCTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TETSUYA SENGU THAT GOJ DEFENSE BUDGET IS AT "BRINK OF CRISIS," BECAUSE OF RISING PERSONNEL, AMINTENANCE COSTS, AND PROBLEM OF OUTDATED WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT TURNING INTO BURDEN OF "SNOWBALLING INEFFICIENCY."

JAMESON ALSO REVIEWS GOJ 6.7 BILLION DOL PUMP-PRIMING PROGRAM (LAT 9/17), AND GOJ FOURTH ANTI-RECESSION PACKAGE, WHICH DEPUTY FM FUKUDA PREDICTS WILL LEAD TO "FEELING OF RECOVERY" BY DEC.

YATES (CHITRIB) SAYS MAJOR RADICAL FACTIONS IN JAPAN VIEW JAPANESE RED ARMY TERRORISTS AS "BUSH LEAGUE COLLECTION OF COMMUNIST GROUPIES." IS ONLY ONE OF 50-60 FACTIONS THAT FORCED JAPAN, INC TO HIDE BEHIND "THICK CAPITALIST ARMOR" IN 1960S. SAYS ATTACKING ESTABLISHMENT ONLY OF "PASSING INTEREST" TO MAJOR FACTIONS WHICH NOW FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF ENTIRE "ENORMOUS RADICAL SYNDICATE." SO FAR THIS YEAR SOME 12,000 MEMBERS OF TWO MAJOR RIVAL FACTIONS -- CHUKAKU, KAKUMARU -- HAVE BEEN KILLING, MAIMING EACH OTHER AT ALARMING RATE WITH LEAD PIPES, SHOVELS, BALL BATS, HAMMERS: 21 DEAD, 325 SERIOUSLY INJURED.

#### 10. KOREA

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CSM'S ANABLE AT UN NOTES 30TH UNGA NOW TURNS TO  
SOMETIMES DANGEROUS RELICS OF COLD WAR, LIKE KOREA  
WITH US DIPLOMATS STATING FIRM INTENTION REMAIN  
"LONG AS WE'RE WANTED AND NEEDED."

11. GENERAL

ROSENBLATT (LAT 9/18) NOTES ASIAN SECURITIES FORUM  
PLANS MEET PASAY CITY, PHILIPPINES, NOV 10-16, TO  
DISCUSS POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHING REGIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE.  
ACCORDING CONFERENCE ORGANIZER ELISEO OCAMPO, LEADING  
CANDIDATES FOR SITE ARE MANILA, HK, SINGAPORE. KISSINGER

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